



INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Community Outreach Efforts

April 10, 2006: Meeting with Tanasha Anders of Indiana Black Expo, Inc.

ICJI and the Indiana Black Expo, Inc (IBE) will be collaborating together to obtain information about disproportionality and overrepresentation in both the education and mental health realms. IBE intends to hold educational seminars throughout the year to increase awareness of the issue. The IBE strategy of dissemination of information is very similar to that of IDC, therefore by joining forces to work together the two entities will become a stronger voice. Currently ICJI has a strong relationship with DOE and IMHC and will be including IBE representatives in the future progression of DMC efforts. Ms. Anders was provided a draft presentation of information including child welfare, juvenile justice, and education statistics for the state of Indiana that will be the foundation for the presentation.

April 11, 2006: Indiana Juvenile Detention Association Summit

Once again this year, ICJI was a sponsor of the annual Indiana Juvenile Detention Association Summit in Lebanon, Indiana. This provided ICJI to speak with various juvenile service center workers about current DMC efforts. LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center's Director of Counseling Services and Executive Director expressed great interest in working on the Indiana Disproportionality Committee. Erika Sallworth, M.S.W., will be representing the Juvenile Services Center on May 3, 2006 at the IDC meeting at the State House. Ms. Stallworth would like to be the liaison for her county in regards to reducing DMC. ICJI is thrilled with the expected participation of Ms. Stallworth as that will be a direct contact for community outreach and presentation opportunities in the Northwest Region of Indiana.

April 12, 2006: DMC Conference Call

The purpose of this month's conference call with other DMC Coordinators and Juvenile Justice Specialists was in order to review the newly designed DMC Query Database. The database is structured for DMC Coordinators and Specialists to input data that will produce state specific reports. The Relative Rate Index Database also includes additional features and links such as chart production and direct linkage to the Easy Access to Juvenile Population data source. DMC Coordinators and Specialists are expected to input data into the database by May 31, 2006 so reports can begin to be generated.

April 13, 2006: Faith-Based Representation — Mt. Carmel, Youth Director, Rolando Urbina

To include a broader audience ICJI has invited various faith-based communities to join the IDC. Mr. Urbina of Mt. Carmel is interested in participating on the committee as he believes in the scope of the committee. ICJI looks forward in collaborating with Mt. Carmel and is currently seeking other faith-based communities that may be of interest as well. Mr. Urbina intends on attending the upcoming IDC training on April 21, 2006 to learn more about IDC efforts and expectations of being a committee member.

April 17, 2006: Meeting with Calvin Roberson of Indiana Minority Health Coalition

ICJI's efforts with the IMHC will provide information pertaining to youth health disparities. This will then provide an assessment of recommendations that should be taken into consideration when diagnosing children of color with certain health conditions. With the collaboration efforts ICJI, IMHC and IBE will work together to disseminate the information and increase awareness. All three entities will also be working together to create a presentation illustrating the disparities in the health realm as well as a quick reference sheet to share with others.

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